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The Cover: Another "milestone" at 42nd Street; the 1st rail of 1972 and the new north line extension is hefted into position by MTM volunteers in early May. In the background, car '1300', on a crew training run stop-over, seems poised to follow the gandydancers Northward.

At this writing, the Como-Harriet has now reopened for the 1972 summer season.

Summer General Membership Meeting

The mid-summer general membership meeting of MTM will be held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18th, 1972 at the Como-Harriet Streetcar Line-42nd and Queen Avenue So. Members will be briefed on the Harriet restoration project. Feature program of the evening will include a presentation by Mrs. Margaret Mac Farlane - Director of the Minnesota Valley Restoration Project, Scott County Historical Society.

All persons are requested to be at the 42nd St. Station platform not later than 8 p.m. to board #1300. Members may park autos in the Lake Harriet pavilion concourse area.

Welcome New MTM Members!!

Herman Rinke, Newark, New Jersey; Mrs. Chas B. Kerr, Mpls; Mrs. Margaret MacFarlane, Eden Prairie, Minn.; E.L. Temberlin, San Leandro, Calif.; Dorothy Burke, Mpls.; Dorothy Gimmestad, Mpls.; Wm J. Graham, Jr., Washington D.C.; Scott Trewin, SanLeandro, Calif.; Dennis Magnusson, Center City, Minn.; Kathleen Heiderich, So. St. Paul, Minn.; John Larkin, Edina, Minn.; Al Kobul, Fargo, N.D.; John Malven, Mpls; Kent Here (Linden Hills Merchants Assn) Mpls.; J.R. Coelho, Mpls; Mrs. Goodrich Lowry, Wayzata, Minn.; Neal J. Christy, Mpls.; Kermit Hedman, New Brighton, Minn.; E.F. Muehlberg, Mpls.; Mona E. Griffin Simcox, Mpls.; Rick Krenskie, St. Paul, Minn.; and Donald Wolf, St. Paul, Minn. Welcome Aboard!!

MTM to Co-Host NMRA Convention

The Thousand Lakes Region National Model Railroad Association and the Minnesota Transportation Museum will co-host the 1972 NMRA Convention to be held this Oct. 7, 8, 9, at the North Star Inn, Minneapolis.

Included in this years program will be visits to the Minnehaha Depot, Dan Patch Locomotive #100 -North America's premier internal combustion railway locomotive - and a ride aboard Como-Harriet car #1300, of course. Members interested in helping with the program are asked to contact TLR personnel John Holmes at 869-1112 or Mike Engler at 938-8598.

'Spruce-Up' for #1300

In advance of the Memorial Week-end opening of the Como-Harriet Line for the '72 season, Museum crews labored long and hard to prepare car #1300 for her debut. Under the aegis of Operations Chief Bob Renz and his men, the following was accomplished; completely overhauled & repainted car fender (cow-catcher to the neophyte), fabrication and installation of new outside air-pressure tank, painting of outside trim, inside ceilings, floor, controller, motorman controls area and other interior related

'Spruce-Up' cont.

hardware, complete tune-up and rebuilding of the temporary 'goat' power-generator car with addition of a 30 gallon "long-range" fuel tank. Congratulations to Operations for a job neatly done. Thanks to our able and willing volunteers "Trolley" was in superb condition for her press pictures and the thousands of patrons over opening weekend.

The Harriet Work Schedule ---All Members please note!!

Below is the new accelerated July volunteer crew work schedule for the Como-Harriet car line. Even though purely "volunteer" in nature, rigid adherence to this schedule by individual members is absolutely vital if we are to accomplish the MTM's broad historical undertaking at Harriet and have our new North line open by Aquatennial. It is important that we bear in mind that our overall effort is diminished by any member who fails to live up to a personal commitment. Lest we forget that only our all-out dedicated effort has brought us this far, we feel it appropriate to again reemphasize the responsibility of the member-worker.

- 1) The member concerned should review the published schedule and note his assigned work day.
- 2) If a conflict develops and the member simply cannot attend - it is his obligation to work out a switch of date with a fellow member and advise his crew foreman of the change immediately.

Simple 'no shows' put an undue and unacceptable physical burden on the rest of the work crew and creates a great deal of friction between members. We shall not comment further on this!

- 3) The regular Saturday work day begins at 9 a.m. sharp until noon; and 1 p.m. sharp to 6 p.m. sharp.
- 4) Track workers shall not loiter around the streetcar during working hours -for obvious reasons. We have a job to complete and "must make track while the sun shines" to paraphrase.

The marvelous progress at Harriet over the past two years can only continue to completion with all members pulling together, each carrying his share of the load. We need every hand to reach our goal! Do your part when called upon - willingly, promptly, and cheerfully. We've begun the job - now, lets finish it with gusto.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Foreman</u>	<u>Work Crew</u>
7-1	Saturday	Sandberg	Baker, Harrison, Hawkey, Kedrovsky, Thompson
7-2	Sunday	Isaacs	McCarthy, Nerman, Reader, Smith
7-8	Saturday	Heiderich	Phillipps, Obern, Mackner, Coehlo, Ferch
7-9	Sunday	Dumas	Schumacher, Weiss, Larkin, Svobodny
7-15	Saturday	Martin	Seever, Shogren, Zacharia, Knott, Benson Sr., & Macnie
7-16	Sunday	Arneson	Chotkowski, Dollery, Haskell, Juneau
7-22	Saturday	Podas	Nelson, Middlesteadt, McCoy, Hellier

WORK SCHEDULE CONT.

Date	Day	Foreman	Work Crew
7-23	Sunday	Diers	Bensen Jr., Janke, Rubin, Parker
7-29	Saturday	Lindberg	Ahlgren, Anderson, Robt. Kleinhans, Verhey
7-30	Sunday	Anderson	McCauley, Bergstrom, Fuller, Olsen, Wm.
			<u>Foremen</u>
George Isaacs	484-7512	Norm Podas	588-9643 Loren Martin 789-4297
Herb Panske	724-4533	Grant Arneson	377-2315 Frank Sandberg 890-2830
Keith Lindberg	455-5589	Mark Anderson	825-7851 Bob Dumas 473-9538
		Scott Heiderich	455-3296

Note Foremen: It is important that you call each member of your crew at least one week before your assigned detail to verify attendance.

Scenes from the Past - New/Old Postcards Issued

We've brought back the past, again. MTM has published a three-card series of 1908 postcards dealing with scenes along the Twin City Rapid Transit System lines. Each is an authentic reproduction of a vintage postcard, and a souvenir of the now restored Come-Harriet Carline. Two cards specifically deal with views of the Minnetonka high-speed interurban portion of the Come-Harriet; the third card pictures early standard cars at Indian Mounds Park in St. Paul.

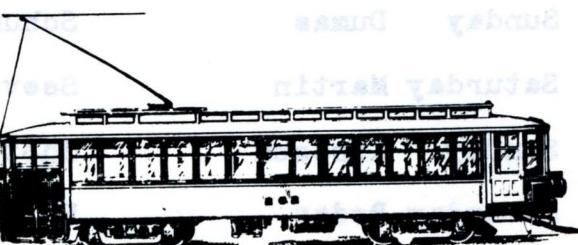
All three will be made available for sale at 10¢ each on #1300 this summer--proceeds to go toward further restoration of the "Glen" line.

Motormen, Conductors: Lend us your Talents

Openings for motormen, conductors and station area attendants are again available this summer. You too, can engage in an almost forgotten vocation (or part time avocation). Eligibility for car operation is restricted to members 21 years of age or over, available for occasional week-end and Wednesday evening operation. Call Bill Cordes at 224-7196. Relive old times; become a part of history in motion! Sign up today!

Of Patches & Symbols

Museum Member Loren Martin advises that the special embroidered "MTM" and "Twin City Lines" cloth uniform shoulder patches are now ready and available to all Museum members at only 50¢ each. These patches are of excellent quality and well worth the price (which is virtually 'at cost'). Members interested in ordering copies should contact Loren at 789-4297.

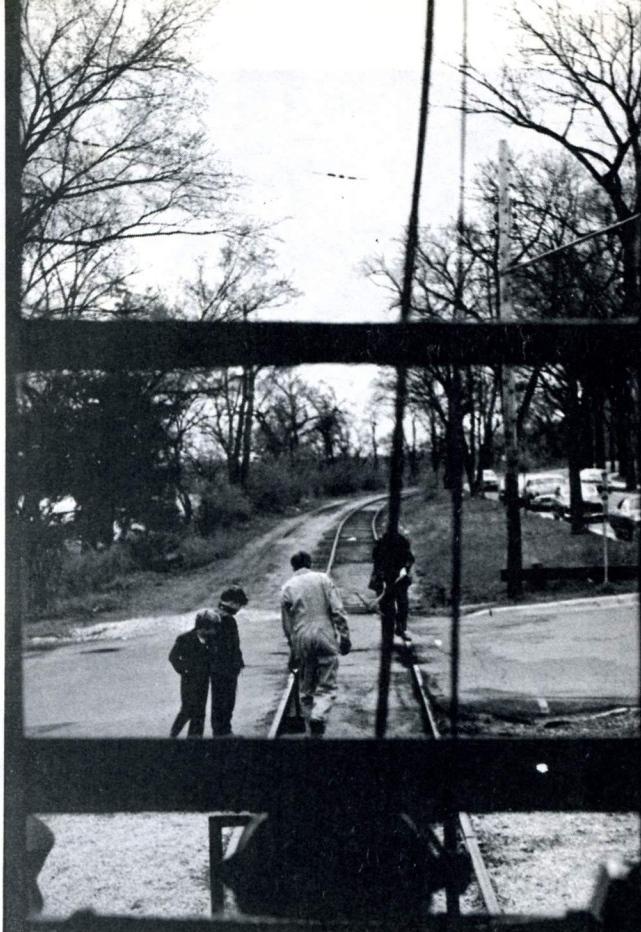


In Coming Issues:

- there's a streetcar in our future!
- electrification plans



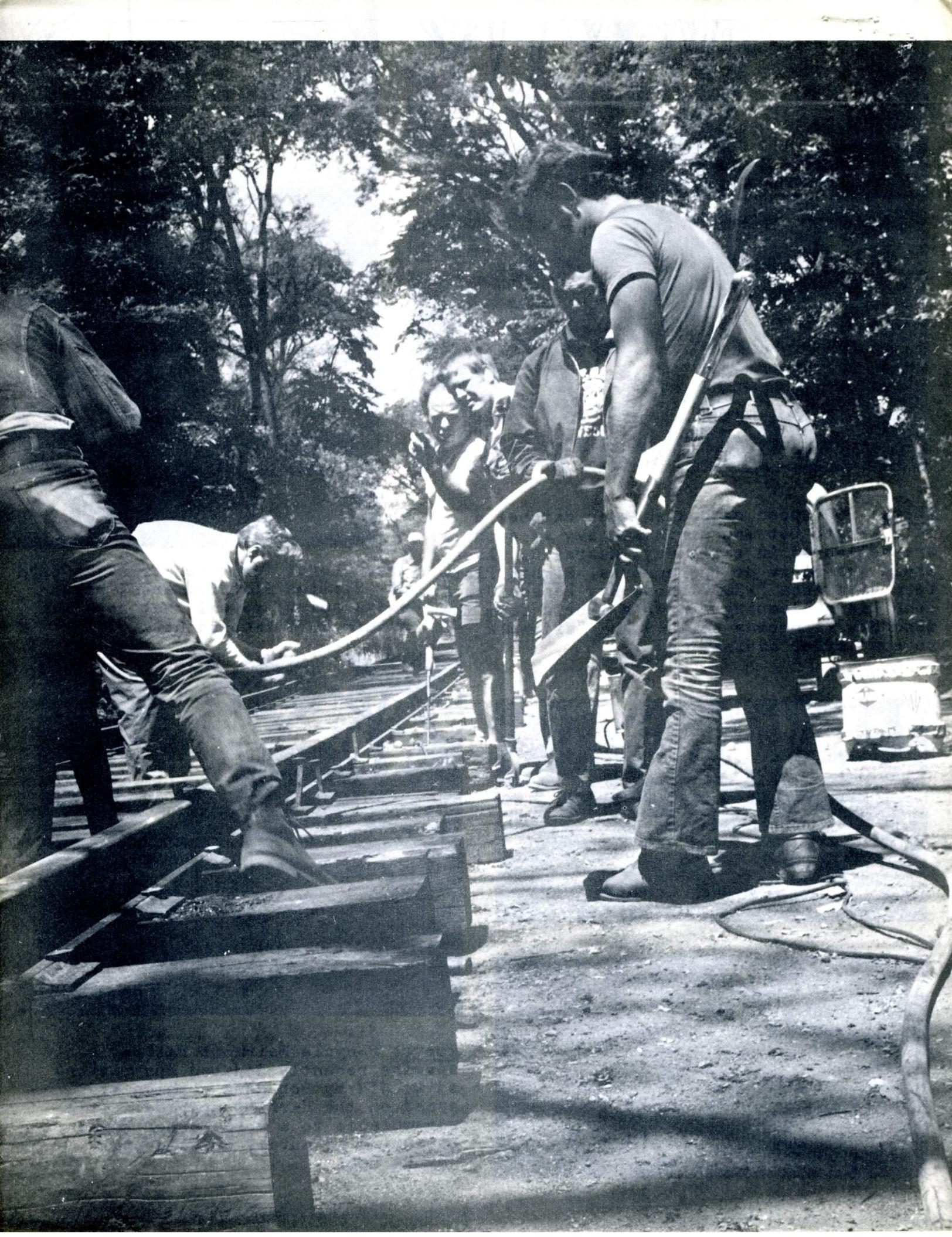
Above: 200 speed camera shutter catches a rail length between earth and sky as supplies are delivered in early May. Msars: R. Olson, Stein and Diers do the honours. Right: Platform view from "1300" shows Ray Bensen Jr. & John Diers cleaning winter's debris from the 42nd St. flangeway while young "sidewalk supers" offer advice.



Lower Left: Two views from the 42nd St. Station platform area, taken weeks apart, reveal that both man, nature have labored here.



Above: 2-cycle Fairmont railway speeder recently donated and restored to MTM by Bob Renz - shown at speed on the Harriet upgrade. It's resemblance to a weed-burner while operating is purely coincidental. Thanks, Bob!





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